

ASHWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Doug Gragg, President, at 10:15 AM at Doris Reynoso's home, 2837 Ashwood Place, Decatur, GA 30030.

Directors present were Doug Gragg (officer, President), Robin Moore (officer, Treasurer), Karen Dessables-Moore (officer, Secretary), Craig Lombardi (also Property Maintenance Steward), Susan Noll, Carol Norton, Doris Reynoso, and Carol Woolsey. Director Lisa Goldman (officer, Vice President) was absent. Committee Steward present was Susan Heafield (Community Enrichment). Beth Wilson (Neighborhood Watch) and Cathie Herman (Architectural Control) were absent. Homeowner Norman Moore attended the meeting.

Doug welcomed Norman to the meeting and then moved on to reviewing the minutes from the last meeting. Carol Woolsey seconded the approval of the minutes as written

Since the Old Business was related to Committee Reports, Doug asked Robin to start with the Treasurer's Report. There were no changes from the last meeting's report. The Association would be paying for its web site on a monthly basis. Annual Association dues invoices were mailed to all homeowners. The same two households as last time had still not paid 2004 dues. One home is under contract, and Robin said she would contact Donna Godsey concerning the outstanding dues. Robin will contact Frank Carollo to help resolve the second home's dues issue. It was suggested that at that home's eventual closing, both 2004 and 2005 dues could be paid to the Association. Also, the board agreed to offer a grace period for payment, with the understanding that the dues were still owed to the Association.

Robin also reported for the Architectural Committee. A reminder will be placed in the newsletter that contractors doing work in homes are not allowed to post advertising signs in the yards. The covenants state that no political nor advertising signs are permitted. However, real estate and alarm signs are permissible.

Susan Heafield reported for the Community Enrichment Committee. She will send Susan Noll a short survey to be included in the newsletter for neighbors to complete concerning what the Community Enrichment Committee should plan for Ashwood. Susan Heafield will be the contact person. Susan Heafield also asked that she be notified when personal events occur that warrant the Association's sending flowers, condolences, etc. New neighbor information for welcoming will be sent to Susan Noll to include in the newsletter. Doug will contact Donna Godsey for this information, which will be passed on to Robin Moore, Susan Heafield, and Susan Noll.

La Piccolina, which made the Welcoming Baskets for new neighbors, has closed. Claudia Veysel, member of the Community Enrichment Committee, will check Figo Restaurant, recently opened on East College Avenue. The Committee feels it is preferable to work with local companies. Also, the Mail Plus More store with Atlantic Gift Baskets.com, on Dekalb Industrial Way, will be approached about making welcoming baskets in the \$25 range.

Ideas for Ashwood Socials were shared. Thanks were expressed to the Moores for the Winter Social. One suggestion was to organize a Spring Yard Sale and connect it with a social activity. Also, Claudia has volunteered to lead a Weekly Walking Club with more organizational information to be in the newsletter and in upcoming flyers.

A No Stress Reading Club has begun in Ashwood with Lisa Goldman, Hana Gragg, and Claudia Veysel. Susan Noll will include more information about this club in the newsletter.

Susan Heafield suggested that an Ashwood Cocktail Social tradition be started and that it would be a great idea for a Board member to volunteer as host. Robin suggested a cook-out in the cul de sac. Craig volunteered to have the "Traditional" Cocktail at his home on Saturday, March 19 from 5 to 7 PM.

To encourage greater participation, it was suggested that quarterly events be planned and that the annual Homeowners Meeting be combined with a social, like a cook-out. This will be held on Saturday, April 30, in the Royal Bluff cul de sac. The meeting will begin at 4 PM and should last about an hour. Then the social

will run until 7 PM. An abbreviated Board meeting will be held at Avondale Pizza at 6 PM, on Friday, April 29. Doug and Lisa will remind neighbors of the April 30 general meeting. The Association will provide the meat and neighbors will bring different sides based on the last names. Susan Heafield, working with Lisa Goldman, Susan Noll, Doris Reynoso and Carol Norton will organize this event, send a short letter to neighbors and get the RSVPs.

Welcome Baskets were delivered to new homeowners at 873 Ashwood Walk, 2823 Royal Bluff, and 2825 Ashwood Place. Susan Heafield suggested that a short formal form from the President be created to invite new homeowners to be added to the Ashwood Directory. This revised directory will be available once Doug gets the new information.

The Neighborhood Watch report was not available.

Craig Lombardi, the Property Maintenance Committee steward, reported that the current contractor finally completed the work in the commons area. Robin stated that she had not received an invoice from the landscaper. Craig did learn that the water bill was inconsistent because the lawn watering controller was not properly programmed and that the problem is being corrected.

The stolen dog signs will be replaced. Doug suggested that Ashwood homeowners address people seen allowing their dogs to soil the entrance area. People seem to be apologetic when reminded about cleaning up after their pets. Craig will provide spring lawn care information to Susan Nolls to be included in the newsletter. It was brought up that a list of Board members, Committee stewards, as well as their contact information be included in the newsletter.

New Business was addressed with the related Committee Reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 29, 2005 at 6 PM at Avondale Pizza.

MINUTES PREPARED BY KAREN DESSABLES